## THE LADY GUIDE.

The Captivating Romance of an Old English Mansion.

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"And you will bring her back to the hotel,"

was "trying to learn not to be easily tired."

"Yes, I think so; but I must wear it."

her mother when Gertrude came home.

what these places were, for I forget,"

and a good one, and that's all,"

to be werried about her troubles."

"She looks such a lady!"

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the shoes to-day."

T seems to me that if had one dozen trimmed with really good lace, and another with tiny little tucks and cambric most enough," said

"Surely there ought to be some embroidery about them?" suggested

"Oh, do you think so? Small tucks and cambric friils are so sweet! Gertrude, don't you think they are sweet?"

"Oh, for heaven's sake, don't ask me!" exclaimed Gertrude; "I am sick of clothes!" Mrs. Earle and her daughters were staying at the Alexandra Hotel. Millicent had come to order her trousseau-Gertrude to enjoy hershall tell you."

self; but she had discovered that this was out of the question, for her companions were dead make no impression on them. to every pleasure but that of shopping. Gertrude had suggested theaters-they were too tired; pictures they were too busy; visits-

they had no time to waste on friends. Mayn't I go to some of the exhibitions alone?" she asked. "Girls can't go to public places without a chaperon."

"Then to see some of our friends?" "I shall be delighted to go. Come to-morrow "We don't want any of them to know that and take me." For once Clifford was enjoying we are in town, and then they wen't be offended a visit from his shrewish sister. at our keeping away from them."

"Am I to see nothing, then?" "You shall see everything there is to see "There is a fine gateway." "And when will that be?" "Ah, if we did but know!" gasped Mrs.

shops were not the very joy of her life. You often say how delightful it would be to "I am to dine with my mother this evening," 'do' London as one does a nice foreign town. said Clifford. Take a rest from your shops this morning and

"The Tower!" Millicent murmured sweetly; "but I had made up my mind to begin to do you," said sho. "Oh, not the shoes, dear!" exclaimed Mrs. Earle; "do leave them until we have gone

"That's always the way," thought Gertrude. "Even if I do make them realize how ap-"Yes, I am quite used now to finding my way | read about it in the Times, I suppose?" pallingly dull I am, they forget it again the | alone," she said, with a slight touch of bitter-

ness in her accent. Gertrude herself was not an accommodating "Of course you are," remarked Gertrude, porson, even at the best of times, and now she

had a grievance, for her mother would neither take her anywhere nor let her go alone. She routes are identical," he persisted broaded over this for 10 minutes, and then became aware that her mother was saying: omnibus; I prefer it, thank you.

Three yards of really good cambric would cost more than embroidery, and embroidery bay Miss Routh, and then we must go. Clif-"Haven't you settled that yet?" exclaimed ord, you are frowning at me. But I always do Gertrude. "There are hundreds of things to pay her at the time. Don't I, Miss Routh?" see all round about us, and I shall not see Lest Gertrude should proceed to explain that a guide being necessarily poor, it was probably "I wish you had brought Jenkins, mother," a matter of importance to Miss Routh to be paid daily, he hurried on in front to get a "It is so expensive to bring a maid to a

"I have an idea!" cried Millicent, joyfully. "Is it trimmed with cambric or embroid-How weak! Do you really want to explore "Well, not particularly, but it is better than "Suppose you engage a lady guide. I know she gets the better she's pleased. She didn't where to get one; come and settle it at once." They went to the office, and Miss Routh, a pretty girl of two-and-twenty, was commis-

"But are you sure that you can imbue my "Gertrude!" daughter's mind with all that it is necessary "It was easy! We were an hour in your either have to obey me and go, or make up her room doing nothing at all, and she had tea, mind to be dismissed. I shall keep to that, for toric building?" asked Mrs. Earle, mindful of and that ought to count for something"a mother's duty. Miss Routh blushed, and

not she, so it would have been absurd to pay Mrs. Earle said, as they all left the office toher for that part of the time!" "I am ashamed of you, Gertrude, Miss "How strong you must be," remarked Ger-

trude, "to go all the way to the Tower and engaged her time and you had it, and ought to over it, and back to the Alexandra with me, have paid her for it. I insist on you giving and then to your own home again without beher the rest of the money to-morrow." "I won't do anything of the kind! If I did, Miss Routh blushed again, and said that she it would be tantamount to owning that I had

Millicent was sorry when her insensitive failed." sister observed : "But you oughtn't to do your guide's work in a black dress; nothing gets | five hundred a year of your own, will"-"Not five hundred to waste!"

Millicent touched Gertrude's arm, forshe saw that money as nicely and pleasantly as"---"It's true, I assure you, Millicent! Black gets shabby directly, doesn't it, Miss Routh ?" "Ah! that comes of being in London, I suppose. We in the country are very lax about | hearing regretted that she did not possess Cun- money," said Mrs. Earle. mourning," said Gertrude gayly. "You see, we live far from all the other relations of anybody | could be bought and given to her by his sister, for whom we have to put it on, so we just go | it would help to make amends for her abominain and out exactly as we like. No one sees ble parsimony. He stopped the hansom and what we do, and no one's feelings are hurt."

proposed this. "It is my own feelings that make me wear it," Miss Routh replied, and Millicent did not said, when she found it impossible to turn him forget the expression of her face till she had from his purpose by argument. "All right!" he said, cheerily. There was "You have enjoyed yourself, I hope," said in good order and bandsomely bound, "It would be ridiculous to give her that!"

"Oh, yes, not badly. She knew a lot about all we saw, but that kind of thing rather bores exclaimed Gertrude. "It will cost more than | fine." me. Some of the great officials were friends of ten times as much as the trifling sum which I hers, so I saw more of the Tower than is usually | deducted." "So much the better," he said, sternly, "Yes, the shut-up places are always the most

"That's not what I meant! I don't know that they were more interesting really, but one | me. You have no idea how much pleasanter can always say that they were, and it is so that would make her!" nice to have been over places that other people

happen to see her to-morrow, she will tell you this last spart of ill-tempered covetousness, "I am so glad that you are going out again Miss Routh, from her grateful friend, Gerwith her," said Millicent. "She is a sweet

"Friend!-friend of a guide-a paid guide!" "You are always taking a fancy to people "Scarcely that to-day," he growled, conwho look at you appealingly and have badly- temptuously.

ing why she looks sad and what has made her "I insist on you writing what I hade you," have to go out as a guide. I just want a guide, he whispered. "You are doing this to heal an | with lofty gracic sness, "so we will not say offense, not to inflict another." Muttering something which was inaudible, "She is to me, but she wouldn't be to you."

"Because it is pretty evident that she has | 503 Albany street, Regent's Park." had some great trouble lately and can't forget "Parcels delivery, I suppose?" said Gerit. If she were with you, you would be pity- trude. ing her, and then you would be weeping in "No, I will tell the man to drive quickly,

each other's arms in no time; but I remember that she is a paid guide, and take care to keep | book ourselves. Depend upon it, if you want | a temper she has!" "Yes, poor girl, but poor to herself and not to me. It would be perfectly dreadful if I had go out with you any more, and she might."

she is fairly biddable, but I am not going all echo or an answer? "Oh, isn't it lovely, Clif- you are attacking me." "I dare say she was one before she came to the way to Albany street! You may take an- ford?" "Iso't it quite too levely, Miss this. I can quite imagine that she may have other hausom, and manage this business your-

her about a little. He is busy, I know, but not | could say more Miss Routh herself opened the half so busy as we are, and it is dull for her | door, and said: "I saw 'my father, and ran to "How can be take her about? He must do | brother to the lady whom I have been taking out this wook." There was a fine courtesy in

"I have a barrister brother in Blackstone's Buildings," said Gertrade. "Let us look in and see if he is at home, and if he is, make him give us some tea."

"But wouldn't you like me to leave you?" "Oh, no, he might not be pleasant, and then I should go at once and want you." Clifford was surprised to receive a visit from pretty girl with her. He revised his first impression almost immediately, however, and thought, "she is more than a pretty girl-she is beautiful, and there is a strange something | Routh." about her that would make her charming even if her face were plain," and then he uncon-

with you to your ancient British wall."

it seemed to make her worse.

chambers together. Gertrude watched Miss

Routh as she turned into the street which led

to her omnibus, and exclaimed: "I do dislike

that woman! She is a disagreeable creature to

taking Miss Routh's part. What with her vex-

ing me, and you standing up for her, it's dread-

does anything that she dislikes. She refuses to

"Oh, do you want to go there? How odd !"

"Because this very morning I made up my

"I prefer Miss Routh, but she will go. Ask

not heard this.

poor Miss Routh is."

"Why odd?"

persons, do vou?"

flatly refused."

Worse.

go to Dynes Hall with me."

far. Do you see any harm in it?"

her again, and ask her civilly."

"That she would much rather not."

'There is nothing very flat about that."

"What did she say?"

escort you to Dynes."

ing all at once?"

call at 11:30.

"Yes, I can and will,"

girl is very well paid for what she does?"

that can never be paid for."

any more about it."

from the Saturday Review,

pride of the County.

sciously echoed Millicent's words and mentally added, "and what a lady she looks!" His sister did not treat her like one. He felt | going." as if he had done an atrociously illbred thing himself when she said: "This is Miss Routh, frills, that would be al- Clifford. She is a guide I have. I got her from | too self-satisfied, and firmly convinced of Miss the office for them. I have brought her in here | Routh's absolute insignificance from every with me because we shall most likely do more

sightseeing when we leave you," He purposely bowed with more respect than he would have accorded to any Duchess. He days than he had seen in 10 years, and learned had never seen any woman who looked more | what a sweet and noble woman can train heremphatically a lady than this dignified, yet | self to endure with gentleness and dignity, timid and shrinking girl.

"Sit down, Miss Routh," said Gertrude, who was anxious to abridge the tribute which she instinctively felt was being paid by her brother, "We have been doing a lot of churches, Clifford. Queer old places-I must say I am tired of them. We went to one where there is the tomb of a poor lady who was brought back to life again because somebody went to steal a ring | nical caprices with patient exactitude, and, buried. I forget her name-indeed I forget the name of the church too by this time, but most | her eyebrows or a faint flush in her cheeks. likely you know it, and, if not, my guide here

Clifford perceived that his sister was one of the great army of martyrs who at home and abroad toil wearily over seeing sights which | The word "free" was forced from him by in-"And we went to see some Ancient British

" Roman," suggested her two listeners in one

"Well, Roman, then, but surely there is no great difference. They were so interesting! else who engages her will behave better." Have you ever seen them? You ought, if you | There was just a chance that Miss Routh had haven't, and we might take you."

"Is there nothing that we ought to see in this inn of yours?" she inquired at last,

They went to see it, and then he took them | go about with! I am so glad that Millicent had passed pleasantly, when the sight of a and that mother will soon be able to think of. | the late family was there. Earle, just as if her daily stage of duty at the clock made Gertrude exclaim, "It is time to me!"

"Then I may as well go home with you, and

need not take Miss Routh." "But can't we take Miss Routh home first?" "My home is quite out of your way, thank

"Besides, who wants to go three in a hansom? Miss Routh is all right. She knows how to get about London far better than you

and other people's, too," "But do allow us to take you as far as our "I will walk a little way and then go in the

"Of course she prefers it! Clifford, if you

"Your manner to Miss Routh is most offensive," he said, angrily, when they were alone. You speak of her as 'she,' and you shouldn't | tears and said she couldn't and wouldn't, and | talk about paying her so openly and coarsely." "People oughtn't to do things for money if | find me an older guide; so I just told her plainly they can't bear to have it named. Not that she that if she did find one, I should keep her alminds. She has a father or mother, or something, depending on her, and the more money | missed," get much from me to-day, though, for she had This is a very different account from that no right to expect it. She had such an easy | which you began by giving!" afternoon that I only gave her half what we agreed she should have."

"And when we went out you were the guide,

Routh was engaged for the afternoon. You 11:30? That's what she would have to do." wished to cheat her, but that my courage had

"Then you will cheat her-you, a girl with

"You must make some excuse and give her He stopped short, for when did Gortrade do anything nicely or pleasantly? A minute or | more?" two later they passed a bookseller's shop, and he remembered that Miss Routh had in his ningham's "Handbook for London." If that

"You may pay for it yourself, then," she would make her so uncomfortable,' only a second-hand copy in the shop, but it was for you at all. Miss Routh has been uniformly

"But it is in two volumes! Give her one now, and let her know that she will get the other afterward if she behaves as she ought to

"Can you let me have a pen and luk?" deare dying to get a sight of and can't. If you manded Clifford, without designing to notice "Thank you. Now, Gertrude, please to write

hidden sorrows. When I engage a person like "And I shall not say friend! I shall say, Miss Routh I don't want to be always wonder- To Agnes Routh, from Miss Gertrude Earle

and then we shall have time to take her this per because I have forced her to come. What of that, Carlo made a snatch at his. to keep Miss Routh, the only thing to do is to make amends for your strange conduct imme-

ing so much about her? I paid her, so I have have spent your money on me!" When the hansom stopped at 503 Albany Next day Gertrode's guide escorted her to street a gentleman had just rung the bell. guladly picturesque doorway. It was surround-St. Paul's. Gertrude came back grumbling; Clifford jumped out and waited by his side ed by gardens and shrubberies, which were the could not leave him." Miss Routh was this, Miss Routh was that, but, | until the door was opened. He was a remarkawhen closely questioned, she could not bring | bly handsome man of 60 or thereabout, with features of the kind which make a man hand-"I am afraid size is unkind to that poor some until death. Gradually, from the likegirl," said Millicent to her mother, "I pity ness in unlikeness, Clifford perceived that he her with all my heart. I pity any one who | was Miss Routh's father; so, taking off his hat | beauty. has to please Gertrude. No one can keep her | with some ceremony, he said, "I am bringing

'Don't you call it lovely, Miss Routh?" wandered on every side to take their fill of | be my wife?" "You think it lovely, don't you, Clifford?" in order but Clifford. He really ought to take a book from my sister for Miss "-- Before he Gertrude asked, as he had not spoken. "Of course I do. But to my mind the special charm of the place consists in the let him in. Father, this is Mr. Clifford Earle, strangely overmastering sense of long-estab. able. lished peace and rest, and security from outide intrusion and trouble that there is about Next day Gertrude and her guide went to one Mr. Routh's manner, and an almost magical it!" or two of the city churches and some of the illumination of his face by a smile which haunted Clifford all that evening. "My sister

"There can't be much of that security in reality, or the people who are selling it would be here still." "I have never heard anything about them," he said.

"No more have I, but I will have one of wished me to bring you this book," he said. "She hopes you will be so kind as to accept it." their roses. They are not here to see me, so | me with an opportunity of earning some money. He left almost before she could thank him, they can't object," and before he could stop We were so poor just then that we scarcely but he did not forget to say two things to Ger- her Gertrude had wrenched one from the knew how to pay our way."

trude during the evening. The first was: "If trellis.
you say one word to show that you did not "I hope you will excuse me, but I am not the person who enght to show you the house," send Miss Routh that book, and send it with pleasure, I will never forgive you!" And the | said the woman who came to the door. "She's his sister, and still more surprised to see such a second: "If you like to come to tea at my away to-day burying her mother. My name is Wooler, and I am a stranger and know very chambers to-morrow at half-past four, I will go little about the place, but somebody had to be here while she was gone, so I came." "Then if I have you, I needn't have Miss They entered a ball with latticed windows

"Oh, yes, have her. You will probably want framed by roses. "It's considered handsome," said Mrs. Wooler, to do some sightseeing before you come to me, and it's safer to have her, for work might but the pictures have been sold, and the floor has gone out of polish, and"come in any moment that would stop my

"I'd put sheets of good plate glass instead of

those ugly latticed windows," said Gertrude, No work did stop him, either on that day or "I wouldn't," said Clifford, "I delight in on many that followed. Gertrude was much windows of that kind." "The late family used to have tea here in the afternoons with the door set wide open, and point of view, to recognize that her brother all the beautiful smell of the flowers blowing was taking more and more pleasure in her companionship. He saw more of the city in 10 | in.'

"What was the name of the last owner?" "Mr.-Mr.-oh! I'll tell you in a minute, sir. I have such a memory! They was kind | up in turn. Don't let your sister know what when working for means to brighten the lot trouble and then another, and at last a bank | not bear it." of those dear to her. Gertrude was by this time so accustomed to have her brother in at- broke and they had to go, but everybody pitied tendance on her (as she thought) that she had | them.' Clifford took a great fancy to the downstairs ceased to be on her good behavior before him. rooms and so did Gertrude, but she always She was herself, therefore-changeable, exact-

ing, and inconsiderate. Miss Routh obeyed suggested some alteration which would have her mortifying orders and humored her tyranreduced the beauty of the place to a suburban that had been left on her finger when she was | watch at he might, the only sign of impatience | saw. Miss Routh alone found no good word to | and heart open to heart. he ever saw was a slight hint of a line between | say. "She won't own she admires anything," "I can't go out with you to-day," he said whispered Gertrude. "Now you must see that

when they were having tea with him for the all I have told you is true. She has a vile tomeleventh time, "but come back if you can and per and won't seem pleased because she was I will take you home, and set Miss Routh free," brought here against her will." It really did look as if there were some foundignation. Ever since Gertrude entered his room she had been speaking to Miss Routh in | not believe it. "Isn't there a room up stairs |

a way that enraged him, and if he checked her | where Charles II. slept?" he asked, to divert his sister's attention. "You talk as if it were bondage to be with "Yes, sir, but the bed is gone-everything is

me?" said Gertrude. "I don't suppose anyone | gone!" "A great deal more ought to go," exclaimed Gertrude. "Those high mantelpieces are hideous, and the doors should be at least three | swer. When they returned to Blackstone's Build- feet higher. The house wants a thorough ings, Clifford was ready to go. They left his | doing up."

"You would ruin it," said Clifford; "I like t just as it is," The bedrooms were as attractive as the sitting-rooms. They went to see Charles IL's and

to some of the other Inns of Court, and an hour has got to the gloves and pockethandkerchiefs, had, she said, always been kept locked when place." "Oh! but we must go into it. Come into | tions?" "She won't be anything like so patient as this room that was kept locked," cried Gertrude,

seizing Miss Routh by the hand and dragging Gertrude tossed her head. "You are always it was locked is gone, Miss. It is the room that | no more weddings in our family for some time." ful. She is not ill treated by me. She never Mr. -oh! I wish I could remember his name's -wife died in, and he never would have any. I"-

thing in it altered," said Mrs. Wooler. "There's one thing I'd soon alter to some purpose," said Gertrude, without one thought of pity for the sorrow implied by what she had mind that I must see that place myself. You just heard, "and that's the jessamine that is shutting out so much of the light. Fancy let-

Dynes was a place near Maidenhead that was | ting that great overgrown plant stay there!" Miss, it was the poor lady's favorite s'rub. "Yes, and that sulky woman won't go! She Mr.-Mr.-I forget his name-would never let will have it that we are both too young to go so | it be touched by anyone." "I'd have it cleared away at once. Wouldn't

"No. You go about Loudon, and that's you, Clifford ? " "No. I should like to think I was respect-"So I said; but she told me that if I insisted on going I had better engage some older person. | much. It might be trained back a little, but waste much more time we shall be late. I will I know it is a false excuse, and I don't like old | not cut down. Oh! what a pretty Dutch garden!" "That's a extra garden made for the poor

> many's the"-"Oh! for mercy's sake don't waste any more time at that window, Clifford! There must be

"But when I said I did insist, and that she Miss Routh?" was engaged to do what I liked, she burst into "She was here a minute ago, Miss," said Mrs. Wooler; "I saw her." would go to the office herself, if I liked, and They sought her up-stairs and down, but she was nowhere to be found.

"Perhaps she has gone into the garden," sugtogether, and she might consider herself disgested Gertrude. 'I hope not!" cried Mrs. Wooler, "for Carlo "It is your pleasure to treat her as a servant, is loose. He is a dog, Miss-a dog that belonged to the late family, and that savage, by all ac-"Very likely, When one's vexed, accounts dener that's here who lived with them."

do get different. She vexed me frightfully, "I must find her at once," said Clifford, very but I have made her understand that she will ! "Oh! don't go now," urged Gertrude Nothing is likely to happen to her in the next what's the use of her if she objects to things?" few minutes. Mrs. Woolersays that the kitchen "She never objects to taking you to any part is well worth seeing. The tiresome girl should of London. Keep her for London, and I will have staid here-don't go to her-come to the

kitchen with as." "You can't go by the 12 train, and you "The first thing I do must be to find Miss wouldn't come to the 'Alexandra' for meat Routh," he said; and snatching up a stout stick which he found in the hall, he ran to the gar-"What is making you so wonderfully obliggarden. He called her, but no voice answered his. He sought her on every side, and at last "Your example, I imagine. No; I intend to found her near the Dutch garden. She was buy a place near London, and Dynes might sitting on the close-cut grass with her head bent down as if weeping, and the great dog, During dinner a telegram, answer prepaid, which, in spite of what he saw, he could not | to meet the prominent Suffragists-Elizabeth came from Miss Routh. Gertrude read aloud, help thinking must be the dreaded Carlo, was | Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and others. Will go to Dynes to-morrow if you like. Will with her, his head laid affectionately on her knees, and his eyes riveted to hers. "She has knocked under!" cried Gertrude.

"Miss Routh! Miss Routh!" Clifford cried My enemy has fallen! Doesn't that show while yet at some distance, and with an amazed | ington's leading society people. what a fright she is in lest I employ her no growl, for his attention had been so wholly given to her, the huge beast rushed at him,

" Poor girl! How hard it must be to have to | barking furiously. do what she dislikes, because she has no "Carlo! Carlo! come back!" she cried authoritatively, and Carlo stopped short. An-"Beggars shouldn't be choosers! And why other call brought him back to her side, where on earth should she dislike it? Well, as she is | he stood growling. "Lie down this moment!" going, Chifford, I suppose you won't. Or will | she said, and then, as he was slow to obey, she you, and shall I use up her prepaid telegram in | put her arms round the dog's neck and drew telling her not to come, as I have made other | him down, and he lay as before, only not so arrangements? How ! shall enjoy that! It happily, for now his eyes were watching the | She will get over that entirely here without "Gertrude," said he, " I sometimes fear that "I hold myself in readiness to put an end to

you will make me unable to have any liking | you, sir, at any instant." "They told me that this dog was so savage obliging to you, and you shall at least behave that you were not safe. I was in misery till I with decency to her. Write 'Piease come, if | found you. How have you learned the secret of taming him?" "Can't you guess?" she replied, without rais-

"Why 'please,' I should like to know? The ing her eyes from the ground. "Oh! can't You are incorrigible!" said her mother. you guess? and do you not understand now Kindness, civility, and patience are things why I shrank from the torture of coming "Then they can't be quite so valuable as you "This was your father's house, and he had

seem to think! There, Clifford! It is writ- to leave it." It had flashed into his mind with ten-'please' included. And you won't go?" suddenness and certainty. "Oh, yes, I will, if I can. It would be fool-"Yes. Until six months ago this was my ish to run any risk of losing Dynes, but as I might at the last moment be prevented, it is her eyes slowly fill with tears, well that you have Miss Routh to fall back on. I "Not forever. Let it be your home again,"

gain an hour by only joining you at Paddington." he exclaimed, flinging himself down at her "I am glad you made up your mind to come," feet, regardless of Carlo, regardless of everysaid Gertrude next morning, as if Miss Routh's | thing but her. decision implied a praiseworthy return to the

she scarcely knew what he was saying. "Oh, you have come now," replied Gertrude "I will buy Dynes. I should like to buy it and give it to you, for I love you!" "Oh, Mr. Earle! Oh, Carlo, dear Carlo, do Clifford joined them at the station with an | be quiet. Oh, what shall I do?" said the dis- knew fell in love with a girl once because the

she wrote what he bade her, and then the books arm full of newspapers. Gertrude took posses- tressed girl, for she felt that she could not re- nape of her neck with a few soft little curls were packed and addressed to "Miss Routh, sion of the World, he read an interesting debate, strain the dog unless she gave her entire falling over it was so fascinating. He watched and Miss Routh scarcely once raised her eyes attention to him, and how was it possible to do that now. "She is only pretending to read," thought

Gertrude. "In reality she is in an awful tem- | he said, trying to take her hand; but, instead "Carlo! Carlo!" she cried again and dragged The drive from the station to Dynes was his head back. "Mr. Earle, do be careful,

beautiful. Gertrude's enjoyment took the un- Don't move. It is all I can do to hold him. He which were so like questions that they were further off, and put down that great stick, and | make such a pretty finish at the neck, "Well, no, I shouldn't. I don't deny that difficult to deal with, for did they require an not make any attempt to touch me. He thinks "I will sit here, then," said Clifford, unwil-Routh?" They said it was, or they echoed lingly retiring to a spot about a yard away from

> repeated. The house was a long, red-brick | will come back to Dynes. Say you will try to building, with wide, low windows and a sin- love me." "My father and I are alone in the world-I "It is lovely, Clifford!" said Gertrude, shall be his home exactly as it was before, ex- the costume.

cept that he shall give me his daughter. We "I do, indeed," she answered, and her eyes | would be with him continually. Now will you "I will," she said; but this promise could be

"Oh, do let us try to get that dog tied up," said Clifford, who found the situation subcar-

"We will take him to his kennel. I know where it is and can chain him up myself." They set out, therefore, to the stable yard. "Do you know it strikes me that almost every time you went out with my poor sister Gertrude you must have endured something very like what I am enduring now from Carlo."

Her smile was sweet to see.

"Yes, but I was grateful to her for providing | was suffering from a severe cold. She is

"And she forced you to come here! ' "Yes; but even that, bad as I thought it, has ended in great happiness." The woman he loved said this, and he might

not even take her hand. 'Shall we be worried with that brute much longer?" he asked impatiently. shall reach his kennel almost directly, but he one or two ruffles around the bottom. is quite good now."

So he was as long as Clifford kept his distance, but Carlo had his ideas on the subject, and liked to have a full yard between the two human beings who were accompanying him. "Coming here must have been a martyrdom to you, and how brave you were! Not once

did you make a sign that you were suffering." "I had to run away when she took us into my mother's room." "Gertrude's remarks must have been so painful"-"Oh, no! They were swallowed up in the great pain, and the great pain is now swallowed

folks, sir, but unfortunate. First they had one has happened until I have left you. I could "Then you may have to bear some of her speeches.

'I shall think of you." They chained up Carlo, and then they walked to the house under the overarching trees. They went thither as they intended to level. They went about admiring all they go through the journey of life, hand in hand

> "I have foved you from the first day I saw you," he said. "I am afraid I was beginning to love you," she answered, and he said: "Why afraid?" And of such things, old as the world and young as the new-born day, the lovers' heaven

consists. They were torn from it in less than dation for Gertrude's charge, and yet he would | 10 minutes by Gertrude from the vantage point "Miss Routh, how could you be so unkind as to waste our time and give us such a fright?" Hastily they dropped each other's hands-a bough had hidden from her that they were

locked together-but both Clifford and Miss Routh were too much startled to make any an-" My poor brother came here to see this property with an idea of buying it, but this foolish affair of you and the dog has lost us so much

he wants to do." "Not a moment of my time has been lost, Mrs. Wooler showed them the door of one that | and I know what to do. I shall buy the

time that I don't see how he is to know what

"And let me have my say about the altera-When Gertrude and her brother reached home, Mrs. Earle said gayly: "Rejoice with me, our shopping is done, the trousseau is off "Yes, but everything for the sake of which our minds, and, thank Heaven! there will be

> "Clifford, you engaged!" exclaimed his mother. "Oh! bother!" muttered Gertrude.-Longman's Magazine.

"Don't count too much on that mother.

THE "BETTER HALF."

about the new plates for the White House. Not | tion business, and to that greater throng who only were they imported, but some Congress- are interested in the subject because it affects men averred that the design contained the everything they have, this book will prove Harrison coat of arms. The China is imported, posed. The work will add greatly to the rather ing the wishes of a man who had suffered so but it is a pity the Congressmen could not rec- sparse information we have on the subject. ognize our eagle. The china, in design, is like | PHILLIPS'S NEWSPAPER RATE BOOK. Pubthat bought by President Lincoln. The border is a dark-blue ground dotted with 44 gold stars, sick lady. She used to sit here by this window | with a wreath of Indian corn around the edge. "I did ask her again, and civilly, and she and watch the flowers coming forward, and In the center is the coat of arms of the United and Canada alphabetically arranged, according States. For two years there has been a lack of | to frequency of issue, by States and cities, with dishes in the Executive Mansion, and mended some things that are interesting. Where is china has been used at the State dinners. The fund being small, only plates were bought.

The author of "Robert Elamere" has published another novel. Mrs. Ward's new book, "The History of David Grieve," is unlike the one which gained her so much fame. It is the story of a brother and sister, children of an English laborer. The theological element is counts, that no one can manage him but a gar. | not a prominent part of the story; it is more a realistic novel than anything else.

If the American girl would spend more of her time out in the fresh air and less of it reading novels, gossiping or doing nothing, she would hear fewer comparisons between her complexion and the fresh, clear skin of the "One Maid's Mischief," "The Master of Cere-English maiden. The English girl plays ten- monies," etc. It is sure to meet with much nis, rides, drives and takes long walks. Some favor from the reading public. part of every day is spent out of doors, and SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING. By D. Mcden. She was not there, nor yet in the kitchen | the result is a complexion that is the envy of her American sisters.

During the session of the Woman's Conven- stenographers and typewriters. tion here Mrs. Noble gave a tea for her friends Mrs. Noble wore a yellow gown, the suffrage color. Among the guests were many of Wash-

A jolly, slangy school girl is the future Queen of the Hawaiians. Victoria Kaiula is only 16, though, and there is plenty of time for her to sober down before she takes upon herself the dignities of her rank. She has been in an English school, but her education is to be completed at our Wellesley. Her use of school slang seems to have worried her teachers a great deal. gives, as readings from the newest books, scenes intruder with an expression that seemed to say: | doubt. The Princess of the Sandwich Islands is part Scotch, her father having been the Hon. A. S. Cleghorn, of Scotland.

The Russian blouse will be a pretty way to make up either the light woolens or the ginghams and Summer goods. The blouse is made with a yoke and close-fitting cuffs of an em- Great Domain by Irrigation, by Gov. John N. broidered or contrasting material, and may be Irwin, of Arizona; A Year of Gen. Booth's outlined with a velvet ribbon. The skirt of Work, by Dr. Albert Shaw. the blouse can be made any length, but the very long ones are only becoming to tall girls. Westfall, author of Red Eyvington, Birch The belt is of the velvet ribbon. A plain gored | Dene, and other popular stories. Besides this, home, and then I lost it forever," and he saw skirt is worn with this blouse, a band of the the magazine is filled check full of interesting ribbon around the bottom being its only trim- reading. Published at Philadelphia. Price 25

Delsarte elecution and singing teachers have Carlo growled savagely, but for the moment | protested against the high, stiff collar with | tion and Truth; Surg. Parke's African Expericontented himself with showing that he was on | little effect. The argument about the injury | ences; Our Indian Frontier Expectations; "I am very sorry if I annoyed you by hesi- the alert. Miss Routh was in such terror that to the throat and voice did not stop the girls at Are Women Protected? The Horrors of Sport; all. Now another argument more forcible is being used. The "military" collar hides the nape of the neck, and a man that some one | New York. Price 40 cents, it all during the play one evening at the thea-"I have loved you ever since I first saw you," ter. That there is a great charm in the curves | have, perhaps, never been excelled. In these of the neck and throat when they are pretty is | dull Winter days one might imagine that it most true, but most girls have worn the high collar so much that the neck is dark. This can be remedied by exposing the throat to the diately. You wouldn't like her to decline to comfortable form of incessant exclamations will let me talk to you if you will go a little freshair. Turn-down collars, chiffon or velvet, number.

. . The homespun skirt, with a silk blouse and a jacket, makes the most comfortable and at been in society—she seems to know exactly self; but I must say, if you had such a burn- her words, and that generally appeared her for her, "and I will put my stick down and do the same time pretty and stylish costume for how to speak to people. But why are we talk- ing desire to be generous you might as well three minutes, when the ceremony had to be anything you like if you will but say that you walking that can be devised. The plain skirt can be make without a lining, and one can walk twice as far in it without becoming tired out, as in a heavier one. The blouse made of "You need not think of leaving him. This silk of dainty color gives a bright touch to

> Julia Marlowe, the young actress, is a great favorite with young girls. Her success has impersonation of the gentle Shakesperlan characters, like Viola in Twelfth Night, Imogene ments here, notwithstanding the fact that she Treas., Richard Binder, of the Ticonderoga,

slender and graceful, with a well modulated voice and a very expressive and pretty face.

The silken petticoat is a thing of beauty and a joy until it wears out. It is light and makes the dearest little rustle when one walks or comes down stairs The newest ones are made of silk called the "Amour." It is softer than 'There is a proverb-but I forgive you! We | the taffeta and wears better. The skirts have

> We think of the Turkish women as lying around the harem dressed in soft, clinging draperies and spending their time in smoking. singing, dancing, and gossiping. Instead, she wears Parisian gowns, makes calls, plays tennis, speaks French or English, mayhap both, and gives teas. The Turkish girl goes to a young ladies' seminary, and studies mathematics and the sciences, much as an American girl does; but the Turkish maiden still wears a vail over

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most charming lot of it in the February

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Fisher, North Carolina, was appropriately cela-

brated at Naval Post Hall, Philadelphia, on the evening of Jan. 15. A large attendance of Naval veterans was present and much interest manifested. Speeches of an eloquent and patriotic character were made by prominent comrades who participated in that grand victory. As ratified by no kiss or grasp of hands, for Carlo been universal, though Sarah Bernhardt said incidents of the conflict were related it brought of her that she was the greatest actress of the back many memories. The storms and re-American stage, and many people think her verses encountered, the bombardment and final assault in which they participated were briefly referred to, after which all hands adjourned to an adjoining room and partock of in Cymbeline, and Juliet, ideally perfect. She hardtack, coffee and other refreshments gencan infuse into her acting, too, the animation erously provided by a committee of the surand vivacity needed for Rosamond and vivors. The following officers were elected: Survivors Association of the Fort Fisher Ex-Beatrice. Julia Marlowe is only 24, and is a pedition-Prest., John DuBarry, of the Minnehard-working girl. She kept all of her engage- sota; Sec., William Simmons, of the Brooklyn;

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